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The New
Book of Common Prayer.

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THE PRAYERS that appear in these Services have, nearly all, stood the test of time; and the authors of most of them have long passed beyond the veil. The sources whence they have, for the most part, been derived are "The Book of Common Prayer," (Established Church); "Forms of Prayer for the use of English Presbyterian Congregations," (Lancashire); "The Church Book," (Brighton), and Dr. Rowland Williams' "Psalms and Litanies." In addition, I have ventured to include a few long-cherished personal prayers.

For the Hymns and Chants in these "Services," I am indebted to well-known writers "whose praise is in all the Churches." I have reason to believe that the use I have made of their productions will be agreeable to them.

The advantages of the "order" here adopted are manifest.

1.—By the introduction of an opening hymn (in itself the best of all modes of commencing public worship), the crudeness of announcing the number of the Service and then at once proceeding to the prayers is avoided. The perfect plan would be simply to announce *the page*. The organ would then recite the tune of the hymn; and

the "order" would proceed without further announcement or interruption.

2.—By postponing "Lessons" &c., till after the prayers, and by taking the prayers together, the puzzling and inconvenient laying down and taking up of the book are avoided. In every case, the Service in the book will proceed, without break, to the end.

Is it necessary to add that the responses by the people are all meant to be *spoken?* "Musical responses" are only liked because they *are* musical, and because we can get used to anything; but the moment we retire from the æsthetic mood of delighting in a performance, and think of *prayer*, the need of speech is urgent. But, on every ground relating to seriousness, reality and pathos, nothing can surpass, for such a purpose, simple human speech.

For most of the Services, however, "musical responses" exist, or could easily be arranged; and, in all cases, even where the responses are spoken, the *Amen* might appropriately be sung.

It is suggested that after the order of Common Prayer, the following order should be observed: —Lessons, Hymn, Sermon, Hymn, Prayer, Benediction. J. P. H.

S.M.

GLAD was my heart to hear
My old companions say,
"Come, in the house of God appear,
For 'tis a holy day."

Our willing feet shall stand
Within the temple door;
While young and old, a happy band,
Shall throng the sacred floor.

Pray for Jerusalem,
The city of our God:
The Lord from heaven be kind to them
That love the dear abode!

Within these walls may peace
And harmony be found:
Zion, in all thy palaces,
Prosperity abound!

For friends and brethren dear,
Our prayer shall never cease:
Oft as they meet for worship here,
God send His people peace!

(All standing.)

Minister—Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

People—Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Minister—Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

People—Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Minister—Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

People—Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Minister—Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

People—Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

By the Minister (all kneeling or seated).

God of all life, we come to Thee as to *our* life:—the Infinite Spirit who pervadest all Nature. In all its beauty Thou art beautiful: in all its motion Thou art active. We see Thee not, but we see what Thou doest. The heavens declare Thy glory, and the earth is full of Thy praise. The day is Thine, the night also is Thine, and Thou makest the morning and evening to rejoice.

In numberless forms of beauty and majesty Thou art revealed, and yet one Life enfolds us, one Love sustains us. Are we not, O God, parts of the great whole? We share Thy life with the highest angels that serve Thee in heaven, and with the humblest field-flower that serves Thee on earth. We rejoice in this, and pray for wisdom and patience, that we may know our calling, fulfil our mission, do our duty, and, by the love

we bear to Thee and by the desire we cherish to live in all things harmoniously and well, make the place whereon we stand holy ground.

Gracious and generous Being; Thy breath of life is ever waiting to fill our souls with heavenly grace and power. Make us wise to open our souls to Thee, that we may truly live in Thy sight. May our spirits answer to Thee as the fields and forests answer to the call of the summer sun, giving back, for every genial beam of light, flowers and fruits for beauty and for use. But teach us that the harvests of the spirit will be as the harvests of the field, in due season and after needful toil. Help us, therefore, to watch and strive, to work with Thee, and to know that even with the light of God and the love of Heaven to help us, we must, by faithful labour, win for ourselves the fruits of righteousness. *Amen.*

Ever merciful God, help us to come to Thee as those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, and long for better things; —leaving behind us all that hinders,— our wayward passions, our proud wills, our vain desires, our easily besetting sins. May we come as children come to parental love and care; for Thou art our Father, and from Thee cometh all our help. Without Thee, our light is very darkness,

our wealth is miserable poverty, our life is slow decay, and our hope is an empty dream.

And now, quicken in us the touching thought that Thou deignest to ask our love; and teach us how to love Thee. We think of Thy greatness, Thy majesty, Thy glory, and Thy power, and we are lost in the deep sea of an infinite mystery: but we think of Thy kindness to us, of Thy carefulness in little things, of Thy providence that enfolds the poor unnoticed creatures of a day, of Thine infinite patience and tenderness; and our hearts are thrilled with gratitude, and touched with an answering love. With such love may we worship Thee together this day, and may the thought of Thy presence glorify this place to the spirit's eye, even as the humblest spot of earth may be glorified by the presence of the pure, the gracious, and the good. And, when psalm and prayer, and the words of hope and cheer, are only a memory to us, may their very echoes in the soul be a comfort and a help, and may our whole lives be set to the music of our truest praise and prayer. *Amen.*

By Minister and People.

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done

in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Chant.

From the recesses of a lowly spirit, my humble prayer as-cends, O | Fa-·-ther | hear it! || borne on the trembling wings of fear and meekness, for- | -give · its | weakness.

For, in Thy sight, who every bosom viewest, cold are our warmest vows, and | vain · our | truest; || thoughts of a hurrying hour—our lips repeat them, our | hearts · for- | -get them.

We see Thy hand, it leads and it supports us: we hear Thy voice, it coun-sels | and · it | courts us: || and then we turn away; and still Thy kindness par- | -dons · our | blindness.

And still Thy rain descends, Thy sun is glowing: fruits ripen round, flowers are be- | -neath · us | blowing: || and, as if man were some deserving creature, joys | cov- · -er | nature.

O! how long-suffering, Lord! but Thou delightest to win with | love · the | wandering. || Thou invitest by smiles of mercy,

not by frowns or terrors, MAN | from · his | errors.

Who can resist Thy gentle call, appealing to every generous THOUGHT and | grate-·-ful | feeling; || that voice paternal, whispering, watching ever? MY | Fa- · -ther! | never!

Father and Saviour! plant within this bosom THE | seeds · of | holiness, || and bid them blossom in fragrance, and in beauty bright and ver-NAL, and | spring · e- | -ternal.

Then place them in those everlasting gardens, where angels WALK, and | seraphs · are the | wardens; || where every flower that creeps through death's dark por-TAL be- | -comes · im- | -mortal. || *Amen.*

LESSONS.

HYMN.

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PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.

I CANNOT find Thee! Still on restless pinion
My spirit beats the void where Thou dost dwell:
I wander lost through all Thy vast dominion,
And shrink beneath Thy light ineffable.

I cannot find Thee! E'en, when, most adoring,
Before Thy shrine I bend in lowliest prayer,
Beyond these bounds of thought my thought upsoaring
From furthest quest comes back: Thou art not there.

Yet high above the limits of my seeing,
And folded far within the inmost heart,
And deep below the deeps of conscious being,
Thy splendour shineth: There, O God Thou art!

I cannot lose Thee! Still in Thee abiding,
The end is clear, how wide soe'er I roam:
The law that holds the worlds my steps is guiding,
And I must rest at last in Thee, my home.—*Amen.*

By the Minister (all standing.)

I WILL arise and go to my father, and will say unto him; Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High; to shew forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

(All kneeling or seated.)

Minister—For this day of calm we bless Thee, O Lord our God;—for its quiet hours, its holy communion, its blessed foreshadowings of some better thing. We feel once more how blest are they who turn their feet into the way of Thy praise, and who, through the dim emblems of our imperfect earthly worship, seek some clearer knowledge of the perfect communion of Thy saints in heaven.

People—Thy face, O Lord, will we seek.

Minister—With longing souls we turn to Thee. In Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy help us now to rise above our doubts and fears, and to find deliverance from our sins.

People—O Lord, save thy people.

Minister—Subdue in us all impurity of thought or desire; all envy, pride, and hypocrisy; all falsehood and deceit, all malice and anger; everything that is contrary to Thy will, O most holy God.

People—Lord, make clean our hearts within us.

Minister—In all times of trouble and heavy care, in poverty and in wealth, in all affliction of body or mind, in the days of darkness, and in the hour of death, be thou our help and our stay.

People—O Lord, our hope is in Thee.

Minister—Bless all who are called to minister in holy things. Grant them great gifts of wisdom and holiness, that, both by preaching and living, they may be teachers of righteousness.

People—We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

Minister—We pray for all sorts and conditions of people, especially for those who are in authority, for our statesmen and magistrates, and for all who are called to provide for the happiness and well-being of the people. Endue them richly with those graces and virtues which will enable them to discharge their several trusts, so as to promote the true honour, peace, and prosperity of this land.

People—Father in heaven, bless our native land.

Minister—Remembering Thy Fatherly goodness, may we ever remember those who are in need. Through us, comfort and help the weak, and raise up those who fall. Teach us, by Thy good Spirit, to have mercy on the poor, the orphan, the widow, and the wanderer.

People—Friend of the friendless, hear our prayer.

Minister—While we enjoy the bountiful gifts of Thy providence, may we do so with wise moderation, and with grateful hearts; and so endue us with the grace of Thy holy Spirit, that all our days may be days of earnest work for Thee, and loving trust and hope in Thee. Faithfully may we do every duty, patiently bear every cross, and honourably discharge every trust, so that at the last our account to Thee may be rendered with joy, and not with grief and shame.

People—Father in heaven, hear our prayer.

By the Minister.

Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto Thy people that they may love that which Thou dost command, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are

to be found, at Thy right hand for evermore. *Amen.*

By Minister and People.

OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

GRACE, mercy, and peace be with us all, from God our Father, and from the indwelling in us of the spirit of Jesus Christ. *Amen.* ——

CHANT.

WE praise THEE in Thy | power · O | God! || WE | praise · Thee | in · Thy | sanctity:

WE praise Thee who reign-EST in the | fur-·-thest | heaven, || we praise Thee who DWELL-est | in · our | in- · -most | souls.

Our LORD and | hid- · -den | Comforter! || no VOICE can | duly · pro- | -claim · Thy | greatness.

No heart can COM-pre- | -hend · Thy | goodness, || O Thou FA-ther of | all · — | our · — | spirits!

The longings of the SPIRIT are | in- · -ex- | -haustible; || ON-ly | Thou · canst | fill · the | heart.

When it is emp-TY and | aching · for | Thee, || then Thou FILL-est | it · with | peace · un- | -speakable.

With Thee, there is no MIS-ery | to the · dis- | -tressed, || but sorrow is hallow-ED, and | pain · — | is · — | sweetened;

And hardship is ASSUAGED, and | fear · is calmed; | FOR | thine · own | nature · is | blessedness.

Yea, blessed is Thy pre-SENCE, O | Lord, · most | holy, || blessed is it to DWELL with | Thee · and to | know · — | Thee.

Blessed shall the nations be WHEN Thy | glory · is | known, || when all who love Thee U-NITE to | succour · and | raise · the | weak.

Strengthen us in life and death, in THIS and | ev- · -ery | life, | to be Thine in FACT as | we · are | Thine · in | right;

To obey cheerful-LY, to | strive · — | loyally, || to suffer meek-LY, to en- | -joy · — | thank- · -ful- | -ly.

So shall we LOVE Thee | while · we | live, || and partake of Thy JOY, and | tri- · -umph | o- · -ver | sorrow,

And fulfil Thy work, and be NUM-bered | with · Thy | saints, || AND | die · — | on · Thy | bosom. *Amen.*

S. M.

DEAR, hallowed, peaceful day!
With thee comes purest bliss.
What treasure on life's rugged way
Find we so fair as this?

Like little isles of heaven,
Scattered through life's rough seas:
All round them beat the waves, storm-driven;
All calm and still on these.

Sweet day of rest and calm,
With heavenly sunshine bright;
Whose very air is healing balm
To those who use thee right!

The world is hushed; the din
Of work-day life is o'er:
The weary sights and sounds of sin
Distract the sense no more.

We hear the blessed word,
We bend the knees and pray:
Oh, may our very souls be stirred
To listen and obey!

Blest days that help us on
Along the heavenly road;—
Steps ever upward,—one by one,—
Into the rest of God!—*Amen.*

By the Minister (all standing.)

HE that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

(All kneeling or seated.)

Minister—O God, the Father Almighty, Maker and Lord of heaven and earth, who lovest righteousness, who hatest iniquity, but art long-suffering and of great goodness; who, by Thy beloved son, hast founded a church and people, and called them with a holy calling; and who, by Thy holy Spirit, dost govern, direct, and sanctify the hearts of Thy faithful servants;—have mercy upon us.

People—Father in heaven, we come to Thee. Thou wilt have compassion on the work of Thy hands.

Minister—From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness; from fleshy lusts that war against the soul; and from the deceitful allurements of this transitory world;

People—Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister—In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

People—Be Thou our help and our stay.

Minister—We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; that we may be ruled and governed as Thy sincere worshipers, in the right way.

People—Sanctify us through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.

Minister—May it please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people.

People—Make Thy face to shine upon them, and be gracious unto them.

Minister—May the dark places of the earth be gladdened with the day-spring from on high; delivering the captives of idolatry and superstition; quickening the dead in trespasses and sins; and guiding their feet into the way of peace.

People—May they know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

Minister—May Thy kingdom come; and the nations of the earth live in unity, peace, and concord.

People—May the earth be filled with the knowledge of the Lord; and nothing hurt or destroy in all Thy holy mountain.

Minister—May Thy people increase in grace, hear meekly Thy word, receive it with pure affection, and bring forth the fruits of the spirit.

People—Being doers of the word, and not hearers only, may we present ourselves

a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in Thy sight.

Minister.—Into the way of truth, O Lord, bring all who have erred and are deceived.

People.—May they walk in the light of the Lord; and be filled with peace and joy in believing.

Minister.—Strengthen such as do stand, comfort and help the weak-hearted, raise up them that fall, and, finally, give them the victory over all temptations.

People.—May they obtain mercy, and find grace to help, in every time of need.

Minister.—Mercifully lead us to true repentance; save us from our sins; and endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy will.

People.—Let Thy mercy reclaim us from every evil way.

(By Minister and People)

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver

us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Now unto Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the one only God be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

CHANT.

I WILL extol THEE, my | God, · O | King; „ and I will BLESS Thy | name · for | ever · and | ever.

Every DAY will | I · bless | Thee; | and I will PRAISE Thy | name · for | ever · and | ever.

Great is the Lord, and GREAT-ly | to · be | praised; | AND His | great- · -ness | is · un- | -searchable.

One generation shall praise Thy WORKS | to · a- | nother, || and SHALL de- | -clare · Thy | migh- · -ty | acts.

I will speak of the glorious HON-our | of · Thy | Majesty, || AND | of · Thy | wond- · -rous | works.

And men shall speak of the might of THY | glori-·-ous | acts, | and *I* | will · de- | clare · Thy | greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memo-RY of | Thy · great | goodness, || AND shall | sing of · Thy | right- · -eous- | -ness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, AND of | great · — | mercy; || The Lord is good to all, and His tender mer-CIES are | o- · -ver | all · His | works.

All Thy works shall PRAISE | Thee · O | Lord; |, AND Thy | saints · shall | bless · — | Thee.

They shall speak of the GLO-ry | of · Thy | kingdom, || AND | talk · — | of · Thy | power.

To make known to the sons of MEN His |· migh- · -ty | acts, || and the GLO-rious | Majes- · -ty | of · His | kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an EVER- | -last- · -ing | kingdom, || and Thy dominion endur-ETH through- | -out · all | ge- · -ne- | -rations.

The Lord is right-EOUS in | all · His | ways, AND | holy · in | all · His | works.

The Lord is nigh unto all THEM that | call · up- | -on Him, || to ALL that | call · up- | -on Him · in | truth.

He will fulfil the de-SIRE of | them · that | revere Him : || He will also HEAR their | cry · — | and · will | save them.

My mouth shall SPEAK the | praise · of | the Lord : || and let all flesh bless His holy NAME, for | ever · and | ever. · *A-* | *-men.*

O HOLY Father! Friend unseen!
Since on Thine arm Thou bidd'st us lean,
Help us throughout life's changeful scene,
By faith to cling to Thee.

Though far from home, wayworn, oppress,
Here we have found a place of rest;
As exiles still, yet not unblest,
While we can cling to Thee.

Oft when we seem to tread alone
Some barren waste, with thorns o'ergrown,
Thy voice of love, in gentlest tone,
Whispers, "Still cling to me."

Though faith and hope may long be tried,
We ask not, need not, aught beside:
So safe, so calm, so satisfied,
The souls that cling to Thee.

They fear not life's rough storms to brave,
Since Thou art near, and strong to save,
Nor shudder e'en at death's dark wave,
Because they cling to Thee.—*Amen.*

By the Minister (all standing.)

THIS is the hour of prayer; let it be also a time for praise: then will the blessing of the Most High descend upon us with refreshing and purifying power. Let us think of the great and blessed God, as our heavenly Father, and in spirit and in

truth let us worship Him. Putting away all irreverence, and every unworthy fear, let us draw nigh to Him with a true heart, and in a spirit of devout obedience. May the tumult and the stress of life be as something afar off: and may we bring an offering of trust and love: so shall we obtain mercy, and find grace to help, in time of need.

(All kneeling or seated.)

Minister—Infinite Spirit: we thank Thee for every revelation of Thyself. The heavens and the earth are Thine, with all the beauty and wonder of them. Thou, O God, art the creator and upholder of all things.

People—O Lord, our God, Thou art very great, and Thy goodness endureth for ever.

Minister—We adore Thee, King eternal, immortal, invisible; King of kings, and Lord of lords. May all Thy children learn to worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

People—Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

Minister—For all Thy good gifts to us; for food and clothing; for summer and winter, day and night; for the heavens above us; for the earth, our

dwelling-place, full of all useful and beautiful things; for this life, and its lessons, its discipline, and its mercies; and for the blessed hope of a life to come;

People—We bless and praise Thee, Heavenly Father.

Minister—For Jesus Christ, and for all great and good teachers of ancient and modern times; for every lesson of wisdom and goodness which through them Thou hast taught us; for the light of knowledge growing ever brighter; for the glorious gospel of human brotherhood and divine fatherhood; and for the hope of brighter days to come;

People—We bless and praise Thee, Heavenly Father.

Minister—Evermore give unto us the joy of Thy salvation, and the peace that passeth understanding. In the time of adversity, sorrow, and pain, in the evening of life, and in the hour of death, be Thou our sustainer, our comforter, our joy, and never-failing hope.

People—We rest on Thee, our Heavenly Father.

Minister—Unto Thee, the one and only God, be glory, honour, and praise;

People—Now and evermore, world without end. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

MERCIFUL God, our strength and helper at all times, grant that in the time of prosperity we may not forget Thee, but with our whole hearts cleave unto Thee; and that in the time of adversity we may not fall into impatience or despair, but always with a constant faith look unto Thee, our heavenly Father, trusting in Thy never-failing goodness and mercy. *Amen.*

O LORD, set us where Thou wilt, and deal with us in all things as Thou wilt. We are Thy servants, and desire not to live unto ourselves, but unto Thee: help us to do so more perfectly and worthily. Above all things to be desired, grant that we may have our hearts at rest in Thee. Let Thy loving-kindness be our portion, Thy spirit our guide, and Thy law the rule of our conduct in all things. *Amen.*

By Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

THE loving kindness and tender mercy of God, our Father, will be ever with us all. *Amen.*

CHANT.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, accord-ING to Thy | lov- · -ing | -kindness : || according to the multitude of Thy tender MERCIES | blot - out | my · trans- | -gressions.

Wash me through-LY from | mine · in- | -iquity, || AND | cleanse · me | from · my | sin :

For I acknowledge | my · trans- | -gressions : || AND my | sin · is | ever · be- | -fore me.

Behold, Thou desirest TRUTH in the | in · ward | parts : || and in the hidden part THOU shalt | make · me to | know · — | wisdom.

Create in me a CLEAN | heart, · O | God ; || and re-NEW a | right · — | spirit · with- | -in me.

Cast me NOT a- | -way from . Thy | presence ; || and take NOT Thy | ho-·-ly | spi- · -rit | from me.

Restore unto me the JOY of | Thy · sal- | -vation ; || and up-HOLD | me · with | Thy · free | spirit ;

Then will I TEACH trans- | -gressors · Thy | ways; || and sinners shall BE con- | -ver- · -ted | un- · -to | Thee.

For Thou desirest not sacri-FICE; else | would · I | give it: || THOU de- | -lightest · not | in · burnt | offering.

The sacrifices of God ARE a | bro- · - ken | spirit: || a broken and a contrite HEART, O | God · Thou | wilt not · des- | -pise.

Now unto him that is a-BLE to | keep us · from | falling, || and to present us faultless before the presence of His GLO-ry | with · ex- | -ceed- · -ing | joy,

To Him be glory and majes-TY, do- | -minion ·and | power,|| BOTH | now ·and | ever · *A-* | *-men.*

I NEED Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Father; I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Father; I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Father; I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour: teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfil.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Father; I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, most holy One:
O, make me Thine indeed, Thine, Thine alone.
I need Thee, O, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Father; I come to Thee.

(All standing.)

Minister—The eternal God, the Creator of heaven and earth, is not confined to temples made with hands, nor does He need our worship, seeing that all things are His, and that all we have is given by Him, in whom we live and move, and have our being. But He has put into our hearts the longing to hold communion with Him : and, to us now as of old, the word is sent ; "Seek ye my face."

People—Thy face, Lord, will we seek.

(All kneeling or seated.)

Minister — Lord of our life and of eternity ; counsel to desire and hand to fashion come of Thee. Thou settest man Thy steward over Thy works, and givest the unseen powers charge to guard him. Thou openest his eyes to the light, and hast moulded all his limbs in harmony. Thou settest the mind wonderfully within the body, Thou unlockest the treasures of harmony and makest fine the springs of conscience. From Thee came ancient revelation and writing ;—deep sayings of prophets and songs of praise. From Thee are all the wise sayings of old time, the experience of man's history, and worship of offerings and prayers.

In the blind struggle of men is the promise of Thy truth; and, in fulness of time, fulfilment, when out of evil comes good, and patience ends in victory. And now, by the agony of mankind striving; by men's heads bowed in shame, and eyes filled with tears; by their necks weighed down with burdens, their feet and hands perplexed and bound; by their strong crying out of their misery to their God, arise, O Lord, and amend the earth.

People—Lord, let Thy kingdom come! and lead forth the nations out of darkness into Thy marvellous light.

Minister—If legends of old time fade, let Thy kindness be ever new, and heavenly truths become perfect in us: so shall ancient faiths grow young, and the God of the ancient time be our living Friend.

Lighten with freedom the dark places of the earth, and give peace and gladness to mankind: for Thine are the revivers of godliness in the world, and the sowers of the winged seeds of truth. Thine, O Lord, is the great company of our ancestors, the sacred truth-tellers and glorious patriots. All makers of song and story, and the masters of harmony are of Thee, and the pure sufferers for godliness—whoever have vanquished evil,

and, in faith and hope, gone through labours for the right. Glory to Thee, O Lord, for Thy spirit was in them. Thou Lover of the upright in the east and in the west, may we all love Thee in unity of mind. Shall not all nations, each in its own tongue and home, praise the living God?

People—Let the people praise Thee O Lord, let all the people praise Thee.

(By Minister and People.)

OUR Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(By the Minister.)

THE love of God and of His children, and the communion of His holy spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

CHANT.

I was GLAD when they | said · unto | me; || let us go in-TO the | house · — | of · the | Lord.

Our feet shall STAND with- | -in · thy | gates, || AND | heart · and | voice · shall | praise Him.

PRAY for the | peace of · His | people || PEACE | be · with- | -in · thy | walls.

For my brethren and MY com- | -pan- · -ions' | sake || I will now SAY ; | peace · be with- | -in · — | thee.

My SOUL | longeth · for | thee, || as in a | dry · and | thirs- · - ty | land.

It is a good thing to give THANKS unto | Thee · O | Lord, || and to sing PRAISES to Thy | name · O | Thou · most | High.

To show forth Thy loving-KIND-ness | in · the | morning, || AND Thy | faithful - · -ness | ev- · -ery | night.

For Thou LORD hast | made · me | glad, || and I TRI-umph | in · the | works of · Thy | hands.

O LORD, how | great · are Thy | works ! || AND Thy | thoughts · are | ve- · -ry | deep.

O come let us WOR-ship | and · bow | down ; || let us KNEEL be- | -fore · the | Lord · our | Maker.

For HE is | our · — | God, || and we are the people of His PAS-ture | and · the | sheep of · His | hand.

When Thou SAIDST, seek | ye · my | face, || my heart said unto THEE, Thy | face · Lord | will · I | seek.

THOU hast | been · my | help, || leave me NOT, O | God · of | my · sal- | -vation.

I had fainted un-LESS I | had · be- | -lieved || to see the goodness of the LORD in the | land · — | of · the | living.

Now unto Him that is able to help us, above ALL that we | ask · or | think, || according TO the | power · that | work- · -eth | in us.

Unto Him be GLORY | throughout · all | ages, || WORLD | with- · -out | end. *A-* | *-men.*

ANOTHER six days' work is done;
Another Sabbath is begun:
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest:
Improve the day which God hath blest.

O that our thoughts and thanks may rise,
As grateful incense, to the skies;
And draw from heaven that sweet repose,
Which none but he that feels it knows!

This heavenly calm within the breast
Is the dear pledge of glorious rest,
Which for the church of God remains,
The end of cares, the end of pains.

In holy duties let the day,
In holy pleasures, pass away:
How sweet, a Sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end!—
Amen.

(By the Minister, all standing.)

We meet in this house of prayer to offer adorations and thanksgivings to our heavenly Father, who is very merciful to all who turn from their iniquity, and seek pardon and peace from Him. As we bow before Him this morning, thankful for His many mercies to us, let us with all sincerity repent us of whatever sin we have committed during the past week, in word, thought, or deed. Then, as we open our hearts to Him, with the humility of children, His peace will be

with us; and, with spirits renewed and comforted by His love, we shall be made stronger for the work we have to do. Let us, then, with sincere hearts, unite in earnest prayer.

(All kneeling or seated.)

Almighty and most merciful Father, teach us how to pray to Thee as we ought. Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be now and always acceptable in Thy sight. Thou knowest our hearts and lives. By Thy holy spirit's power, purify and renew them. Remember, we pray Thee, our weakness and blindness; and uplift and enlighten us. Deepen within us every feeling of shame for the wrong we have done, and of regret for the good we have left undone, and help us to amend our lives according to Thy holy will, so that in the days to come we may serve Thee with a perfect heart. Make our worship a real help to us in our daily lives, and in bearing the burdens of sin and sorrow which may yet await us. Show us the path of duty, and help us to walk in it. Let nothing turn us back from Thee; and evermore cheer us with a sense of Thy presence. *Amen.*

Eternal God, who knowest neither dawn nor night, but who givest to Thine earthly

children the mercies of darkness and of day: even as Thou hast lifted the curtain of night from our abodes, so take the veil from our hearts, that in Thy light we may see light. Rise, as the morning, on our souls; and, when every light of earth must fail us, may the light from beyond the veil shine brighter and brighter, unto the perfect day. *Amen.*

Ever-blessed and ever-blessing God, for us all, let this be a day of rest, but of rest that prepares for better service. May the hopes we cherish here broaden and deepen the whole current of our lives: add sanctity to sorrow, and consecration to joy, and dignity to labour, and beauty to all common things. May our prayers blossom into actions, and our praises ripen into deeds. So may life itself become a ceaseless prayer, and toil itself be a continual psalm: and, amid all life's dark and troubled ways, may the light of a pure love shine and the music of a heavenly purpose be heard. *Amen.*

To Thee we lift up our hearts, O gracious Giver of every good and perfect gift: for we are Thine, and Thine are the treasures of the fruitful earth. It is Thy generous hand that fills the world with plenty, blessing the meadows with verdure, and clothing the valleys with corn.

The beauty of the hills, the sweetness of the sea, and the joys of all nature, are of Thee. Is not all this natural beauty of earth, and sea, and sky, Thy gift to the pilgrims of earth? is it not the token of Thy love—a revelation from the infinite mercy that is striving to make itself known? What must that mercy be where no blindness mistakes it, where no transgression mars it, where no folly disregards it!—what must it be where holy and harmonious souls find all their heaven in finding Thee! Give us grateful hearts—hearts to love Thee, to serve Thee, and evermore to confide in Thee: and, even as the earth yields to Thee its fruits and flowers, so may we, in our lives, give sweet and gracious returns for all the gifts of light and mercy we receive.

But what shall we render unto Thee, O Lord, for all Thy goodness? and how shall we best serve Thee for Thy constant care? In days of old, Thy children brought Thee sacrifices of blood, hoping to purchase the mercies of heaven with the sorrows of earth. But Thou delightest in the yielding up of the heart to Thy will, and the consecration of the obedient life to Thy ways. May we find it not hard to make this surrender of ourselves to Thee; but gladly follow on in the footsteps of those who have passed into the world of light beyond. Father;

guard and guide us, keeping our souls from stain and our feet from falling, till we also pass to those purer atmospheres and behold those brighter skies. *Amen.*

(By Minister and people.)

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The love, and peace, and light of God be with us evermore. *Amen.*

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the | way · of | sinners, || nor sit-teth | in · the | seat of · the | scornful.

But his delight is in the law | of · the Lord : || and in His law doth he | medi- · -tate | day · and | night.

And he shall be as a tree planted by the | rivers · of | water, || that bring-eth | forth · his | fruit · in his | season.

His leaf ALSO | shall · not | wither : ‖ and whatsoever he | do- · -eth | shall · — | prosper.

The law of the Lord is per-FECT, con- | -verting · the | soul : ‖ the testimony of the LORD is | sure, · making | wise · the | simple :

The statutes of the Lord are RIGHT, re- | joicing · the | heart : ‖ the commandment of the LORD is | pure, · en- | -lightening · the | eyes :

The fear of the Lord is CLEAN, en- | -during · for | ever : ‖ the judgments of the Lord are TRUE and | right- · eous | al- · -to- | -gether.

Moreover by THEM is Thy | ser- · -vant | warned : ‖ and in keeping of THEM | there · is | great · re- | -ward.

Who can UN-der- | -stand · his | errors ? ‖ CLEANSE Thou | me · from | se- · -cret | faults.

Keep back Thy servant also FROM | presump- · tuous | sins ; ‖ let them NOT | have · do- | -min- · -ion | over me :

THEN shall | I · be | upright, | and I shall be inno-CENT | from · the | great · trans- | -gression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be accepta-BLE | in · Thy | sight, ‖ O Lord, my STRENGTH, and | my · re- | deemer. · A- | -*men*.

S.M.

THIS is the day of Light:
Let there be light to-day!
O Day-spring, rise upon our night,
And chase its gloom away!

This is the day of Rest:
Our failing strength renew!
On weary brain and troubled breast
Shed Thou Thy freshening dew!

This is the day of Peace:
Thy peace our spirits fill:
Bid Thou the blasts of discord cease;
The waves of strife be still!

This is the day of Prayer:
Let earth to heaven draw near;
Lift up our hearts to seek Thee there;
Come down to meet us here!

This is the First of days:
Send forth Thy quickening breath;
And wake dead souls to love and praise,
O Vanquisher of Death!—*Amen.*

(All standing.)

Minister—O Lord, open Thou our lips.

People—And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister—Strengthen us, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit.

People—For we do put our trust in Thee.

Minister—Let our souls be joyful in Thy salvation.

People—In the hour of trouble visit us with Thy compassion.

Minister—Let Thy tender mercy comfort and succour us.

People—And break Thou the chain of our sins.

Minister—Endue us with the grace and beauty of holiness.

People—And make us glad with the light of Thy countenance.

(All kneeling or seated.)

Minister—Giver of all good, we thank Thee in health and joy, our Maker and our heavenly Father. For all the glory of the heavens, and the beauty of sea and land; for the light of day, and for eyesight to behold it,

People—We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

Minister—For the blessed hour of silence, and night following day; for the sleep of weary eyes, and Thy providence around us. For our neighbours, kindred, and friends; for all the good they have done us, and for a tenfold blessing upon them. For living in a free land, and under righteous government; for just

laws and open churches, for books of good counsel, and for knowledge to read them,

People—We thank Thee, heavenly Father.

Minister—O God, we thank Thee for all the gifts we have reckoned and for all we have forgotten; and if for our unworthiness Thou take any of them away,

People—Give us patience, heavenly Father.

Minister—When Thou shewest man the evil of his ways, and bringest sorrow upon his soul for sin,

People—Have mercy on us, heavenly Father.

Minister—In all time of sorrow, and in the hour of remorse; when we learn the truths which we believed not, and when our wickedness finds us out,

People—Be merciful to us, most merciful Father.

Minister—By Thy knowledge of our weakness, and by Thy love to man, make our repentance healthful, and our shame wholesome, and bring us back to Thy holy will.

People—Bring us back, we pray Thee, heavenly Father.

Minister—When we turn from evil, and do good; when we forgive those who have wronged us, as we ask Thy forgiveness; when we offer ourselves before Thee as guilty, but pray to be made fit for Thy service,

People—Take us again for Thy children, heavenly Father.

Minister—Lead us from our youth upward, and order all our lives. When we are of full age, guide, and in the time of drooping sustain us. Thou who knowest whence we came, we trust Thee whither we shall go. Only teach us Thy will; and let Thy will be done.

People—Thy will be done, now and for ever, merciful Father.

By the Minister (all kneeling or seated.)

Ever present and ever gracious God: for the quiet of this hour and for the precious memories associated with this place we thank Thee. Help us to come very near to Thee to-day; for in Thy light all things are made new. The dark is dark no longer, the crooked ways of life are made straight, and the voice of love and mercy is over all. Yet save us from thinking that we need to come here to find Thee. Thou art the God of our homes, and of all the life-paths wherein Thy children walk: but in our prayer we

remember Thee, and stretch out our hands to Thee; and, in our united worship, we hush the noises of the outer world, call home our scattered thoughts, restrain our wandering affections, and bring our lives to Thee.

Show us what might come to us here, if we were wise to see and anxious to receive the blessings provided for us—what heavenly strengths might be our own, what clear revealings, what radiant light. Father; forgive and pity us, that we often come and go, and miss the gift that even angels might desire.

We come from the tumults of the outer world, and we desire, to-day, to hear another voice;—not the voice of earth, but of heaven; not the voice of restless, weary, and heaven-laden man, but the voice of the strong, the peaceful, and the ever-blessed God. O Thou who dwellest in perfect peace; come and dwell in us, and let Thy light shine upon this inner world of the spirit. Be a refuge to us, to-day, from the narrowing cares and the harsh demands of an exacting world, from vain pursuits and profitless endeavours, from the tumult of our hopes and fears.

Make this service a blessing to us—a help, a comfort, and a strength; and may our future lives be rich with the ripe fruit of good seed sown to-day. *Amen.*

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that it may please Thee to make Thy way known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Church universal, that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good spirit that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. *Amen.*

O God, who dost teach us that all our doings, without charity, are nothing worth, send Thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts the most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted as dead before Thee. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, grant us Thy mercy; that Thou being our ruler and guide, we

may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things that are eternal. *Amen.*

By Minister and People.

OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

THE light and love of God be with us all. *Amen.*

CHANT.

I WILL bless the LORD at | all · — | times: || His praise shall con-TIN-ually | be · — | in · my | mouth.

O magni-FY the | Lord · with | me, || and let US ex- | -alt · His | name · to- | -gether.

I sought the LORD, | and · He | heard me, || and deliver-ED | me · from | all · my | fears.

They looked unto HIM, | and · were | lightened: || AND their | faces · were | not · a- | -shamed.

This poor man CRIED, and the | Lord · — | heard Him, || and saved HIM | out · of | all · his | troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round a-BOUT | them · that | revere Him, || and | he · de- | -liver- · -eth | them.

O taste and SEE that the | Lord · is | good : || blessed IS the | man · that | trusteth · in | Him.

What man is HE that de- | -si- · -reth | life, || and loveth many DAYS, that | he · may | see · — | good?

KEEP thy | tongue · from | evil, || AND thy | lips · from | speak- · -ing | guile.

Depart from EVIL, | and · do | good; || SEEK | peace, · — | and · pur- | -sue it.

The eyes of the LORD are up- | -on · the | righteous, || and His EARS are | open · un- | -to · their | cry.

The Lord is nigh unto them that ARE of a | bro- · -ken | heart; || and saveth SUCH as | be · of a | con- · -trite | spirit.

The Lord redeem-ETH the | soul of · His | servants: || and none of THEM that | trust · in | Him · shall be | desolate.

Now unto Thee, the King eternal, immortal, invisi-BLE, the | on-·-ly | God, || be honour and glo-RY for | ever · and | ever · *A* | *men.*

O COME all ye faithful, enter now the temple;
Comfort ye the sorrowful and banish every fear:
Raise we our voices, joyful in thanksgiving;
With cheerful adorations, thus praise we the Lord.

Come, let us worship our gracious God and Father;
'Tis He that hath led us as the sheep of His hand;
Grateful devotion offer we unto Him;
With cheerful adorations, thus praise we the Lord.

Homage of spirit, cheerful, pure, and holy,
Tributes of blessing offer in His name;
Serve Him for ever, sing His praise eternally;
With cheerful adorations, thus praise we the Lord.

Glorious, eternal, gracious God and Father,
Deign to receive our earnest fervent prayers;
Mercifully hear us, bending thus before Thee;
With cheerful adorations, thus praise we the Lord. *Amen.*

By the Minister, (all standing.)

AGAIN we rest from the active duties of our earthly life that we may hold communion with the Father of our spirits. Not as strangers do we draw nigh, but as children who seek a father's face, and desire to share a father's love. Gathered here, let us each pray for a humble and holy spirit, for a mind at rest, for a sincere heart, and for a will which shall be entirely at one with His. Let us remember that He listeneth more to our hearts than to our words, and that our most secret thoughts are known to Him. Let our prayers and thanksgivings have faith and love in them, and let our thoughts be pure, as the worshipers of a holy God. If any trouble be burdening us, any care or sorrow, He will help us to bear it, and will give us peace. In the quiet of this hour we shall feel that He is near us; and this time of worship will be a time of blessing for us all.

(All kneeling or seated.)

GRACIOUS Father, help us in our fellowship and worship to-day: make us one in Thee; one in our hungering and thirsting after righteousness, one in our love for all pure and beautiful things, one in our desire to serve each other and obey Thee, and one in our resolve to

devote the rest of our days to Thee. Comfort the sorrowful, guide the doubtful, uplift the fallen, save the sinful, and be gracious to us all; and when we go back to the labour, the joy, and the struggle of our daily life, may we carry with us the hidden strength we shall find to-day. May we remember that we go not away from Thee when we bid farewell to one another; that, though the music of the Church's psalm may be silenced, the music of Thy gracious voice may linger in our souls; and that, though the teacher's word may be heard no longer, the counsels of Thy good spirit are with us still. Thus may every place become a temple for us, every experience a lesson of heavenly wisdom, every duty a sacrament of grace: and, when we have done with these shadows of time and sense, may we turn, not with despairing but triumphant spirits, to the things that are real and eternal. *Amen.*

O Thou infinitely Holy One, from the unrest of our lives, from the cares and anxieties that beset us and weary us, from the temptations that try us, yea, and from ourselves we flee unto Thee. From the heat and storms of life we seek shelter and rest under the shadow of Thy wings. The noises of the world, the conflicting voices and disputes of

men, so confuse and tire us, that with longing desire we open our ears to that still small voice which is ever the same from generation to generation. From this quiet haven would we send out our thoughts, to Thee, O holy and merciful Father. Hungering for the bread of life, we seek it from Thee. Thirsting for the water of life, that our souls may live, we would take it from the well of salvation fed by Thee, which is free for every soul that, feeling its need, desires to drink of it. Heavenly Father, pour upon us the dew of Thy blessing. So shall this time of prayerful communion with Thee, be a time of peace and rest in Thee. *Amen.*

Almighty and most merciful Father, with sincere hearts we thank Thee for Thy continued goodness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and for all Thy goodness to us in this life. We thank Thee for all Thou hast taught us of Thyself, through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and for the many lessons of wisdom taught in all ages by prophets and teachers who, by their writings, words, or example, have helped us in our heavenward way. May we have such a deep sense of these and all Thy mercies, that we may show our gratitude, not only

with our lips, but in our lives, living in Thy service, and as disciples of Jesus Christ, walking before Thee in faithfulness and purity all our days. *Amen.*

O Thou everlasting Friend, whose love is over us all, we pray for this land of our fathers, our native land. May those who are in authority study the true interests of the nation, legislating and judging in righteousness and equity. May all who are called to be religious teachers and leaders, ever strive to be living exemplars of the great truths they teach, manifesting in their own lives the graces and virtues which they recommend to others. Thus governed and taught, may our beloved country become great with the greatness of true goodness. More than wealth, may we love and seek truth and virtue ; so shall Thy blessing, O God of truth, abide with us. *Amen.*

Guide us, O Lord, in the straight path of truth and right; in the way that will ever lead to Thee. Free us from all that may keep us back from Thee. Direct us in the way in which we may see none but Thee, hear none but Thee, love none supremely but Thee. Fill us with light that hath no darkness, with peace that hath no unrest, with love that

casteth out all fear. May Thy will be ours, Thy spirit ours, and Thy blessing ours, for evermore. *Amen.*

By Minister and People.

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. *Amen.*

Chant.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my | whole · — | heart: || I will shew forth | all · Thy | marvel · lous | works:

I will be glad and re- | -joice · in | Thee: || I will sing praise to Thy | name, · O | Thou · most | High.

The LORD shall en- | -dure · for | ever: ‖ He HATH pre- | -pared · His | throne · for | judgment.

He shall JUDGE the | world · in | righteousness, ‖ He shall minister judg-MENT to the | peo- · -ple | in · up- | -rightness.

The Lord also will be a re-FUGE | for · the op- | -pressed, ‖ A | refuge · in | times · of | trouble:

And they that know Thy name will PUT their | trust · in | Thee: ‖ for Thou Lord, hast NOT for- | -sa- · -ken | them · that | seek Thee.

Sing praises to the LORD, who | dwelleth · in | Zion: ‖ de-CLARE a- | -mong · the | people · His | doings:

For the needy shall not AL-way | be · for- | gotten: ‖ the expectation of the POOR | shall · not | perish · for | ever.

The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's THRONE | is · in | heaven: ‖ His eyes behold, His EYE-lids | try, · the | children · of | men.

The words of the LORD are | pure · — | words: ‖ as silver tried in a fur-NACE of | earth, · puri- | -fied · seven | times.

Lord, who shall a-BIDE | in · Thy | tabernacle? ‖ who shall DWELL | in · Thy | ho- · -ly | hill?

He that walketh upright-LY, and | work- · -eth | righteousness, ‖ and speak-ETH the | truth · in his | heart. *A* | *men.*

HOW lovely are Thy dwellings, Lord,
From noise and trouble free;
How beautiful the sweet accord
Of souls that pray to thee!

Lord God of hosts, that reign'st on high,
They are the truly blest
Who only will on Thee rely,
In Thee alone will rest.

They pass refreshed the thirsty vale,
The dry and barren ground,
As through a fruitful, watery dale,
Where springs and showers abound.

They journey on from strength to strength,
With joy and gladsome cheer,
Till all before our God at length
In Zion do appear.—*Amen.*

By the Minister (all standing.)

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Minister—O come! let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

People—For He is our God, and we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Minister—Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and enter into His courts with praise.

People—We will be thankful unto Him, and will bless His name.

Minister—Our fathers trusted in Him: they trusted in Him, and He delivered them.

People—They cried unto Him, and were delivered: they trusted in Him and were not confounded.

Minister—God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in time of trouble.

People—The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of our fathers is our Refuge.

By the Minister (all kneeling or seated).

O HALLOWED Being, incomprehensible, unsearchable, to the eye invisible, by the ear unheard, but of whom the powers of thought and reason do secretly testify in our souls; ~~O God~~, we acknowledge Thee with mysterious wonder and solemn awe; —the deep Life that liveth and moveth in everything around us and within us; —the Spirit that quickeneth the universe, and the Intelligence that guideth all nature;—the eternal Fountain of existence, from which all the streams of created being have flowed, and do flow

continually. The laws of nature are Thy will; and in one glorious and harmonious system, Thou bindest together all that is; making all things work together for the fulfilment of Thy designs. Justice and mercy are the everlasting foundations of Thy throne. May all Thy rational offspring acknowledge and adore Thy divine majesty and goodness. May the whole universe become Thy hallowed temple; and may the incense of grateful and solemn worship ascend unto Thee continually from the altar of all hearts, in worlds without number, and through ages without end. *Amen.*

All Merciful Father, who hast given us all time to serve Thee in, and all work to honour Thee by; we do yet bless Thee for this day of calm, and of relief from the daily confusions of this burdened life. Help us to be glad in it while, with true hearts, we find our refuge and our joy in Thee. Remembering the love of Heaven, may we forget the limitations of earth; and may the communion of saints be a conscious and a real communion of sympathy and life, throughout the world. Bless all our fellow-worshipers, of every church, creed, clime. Wherever one shall lift up a heart of longing to Thee this day, let Thy face be lifted up in beauty there, to fill the seeking soul with

gladness and great peace. If, to-day, the lonely wanderer in a far-off land, amid the symbols of a dark idolatry, shall lift up the eye of faith to the God of his fathers, O let him see, in the splendour of Thy works, the tokens of Thy presence; and so let this day be to him one of the days of the Church's Lord and King. Look upon Thy children who sing their Sabbath hymn from afar, tossed on the waves of some distant sea: and be with Thy sorrowful ones, who sit alone to-day with their trouble, or who watch by the bedside of their beloved, or who themselves lie, watched by trembling hope and fear. And look upon Thy little ones who are beginning to learn Thy name. Befriend and guide them: and may this day of the Lord be to them, and to all Thy children, a day of blessing and peace. Be specially near to the sick, the lonely, and the bereaved. Solitary in the dark valley of their sorrow, find Thou them out, O Merciful One; and give Thine angels charge concerning them. Speak to them; and if they are near the great transition, lead them through the darkness into the light of the everlasting day. *Amen.*

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply

upon us Thy mercy; that Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. *Amen.*

By the Minister and People.

Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth; as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

The God of all comfort be with us; that we may rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. *Amen.*

Chant.

God be merciful un-to | us, · and | bless us; || and cause His | face · to | shine · up- | -on us;

That Thy way may be | known · upon | earth, || Thy sav-ing | health · a- | -mong · all · | nations.

Let the people PRAISE | Thee, · O | God; || let ALL the | peo- · · -ple | praise · — | Thee.

O let the nations be GLAD and | sing · for | joy: || for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and GOV-ERN the | na- · -tions | up- · -on | earth.

Let the people PRAISE | Thee · O | God: || let ALL the | peo- · · -ple | praise · — | Thee;

Then shall the EARTH | yield · her | increase; || and GOD, even | our · own | God, · shall | bless us.

Sing unto GOD, sing | praises · to His | name: || extol HIM | and · re- | -joice · be- | -fore Him.

A father of the fatherless, AND a | judge · of the | widows, || is GOD in His | ho- · -ly | hab- · -i- | -tation.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily LOAD-eth | us · with | benefits, || EVEN the | GOD · of | our · sal- | -vation.

For Thou art my HOPE, | O · Lord | God: || Thou ART my | trust · — | from · my | youth.

Cast me not off in the TIME of | old · — | age: || forsake me NOT | when · my | strength · — | faileth.

O GOD, be | not · far | from me; || O my GOD, make | haste for · my | help · *A-* | *-men.*

L.M.

AWAKE, my soul, and, with the sun,
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Wake and lift up thyself, my heart,
And, with the angels, bear thy part,
Who, all night long, unwearied sing
High praise to their Eternal King.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew:
Scatter my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design, or do, or say,
That all my powers, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him, ye heavenly host above!
Praise Him, my soul! for all His love.
Amen.

By the Minister and People (all kneeling or seated).

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against Thy holy laws; we have left undone those

things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us; restore Thou them that are penitent; and grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same by Thy mighty power: and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of harm; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in Thy sight, as disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and that by Thee we, being defended from the fear of evil, may pass our time in rest and quietness, for Thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open; all desires known; and from whom no secrets are hid;—cleanse the thoughts of our hearts from all evil, and renew us in the spirit of our minds; that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name. *Amen.*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in the knowledge of whom consisteth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; grant us Thy continual protection, that we may be kept from all evil, and evermore give thanks unto Thee in the congregation of Thy people. *Amen.*

By Minister and People.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make

our common supplications unto Thee; and hast especially encouraged us by Thy beloved son, to make known unto Thee our humble requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world the knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

CHANT.

WE PRAISE | Thee · O | God: || we acknow-LEDGE | Thee·to | be·the | Lord.

All the EARTH doth | wor-·-ship | Thee: || THE | Fa-·-ther | ev-·-er-| -lasting.

To Thee all AN-gels | cry·a | -loud: || the heavens, and | all·the | powers· there-| -in.

Holy | ho-·-ly | holy || Lord | God·—| of·— | hosts.

Heaven and | earth·are | full || Of the | majes-·-ty | of·Thy | glory.

The glorious company of the a-POS-tles | praise ·— | Thee. || The goodly fellowship of the PROPH-ets | praise ·— | —·— | Thee.

The noble army of MAR-tyrs, | praise · — | Thee. || The holy church throughout all the WORLD, | doth·ac- | -know-·-ledge | Thee.

The Father of AN | infi- · -nite | Majesty; || And Jesus CHRIST, ·Thy | true · and | faith- · -ful | son.

O Lord, save Thy people, and BLESS Thine | he- · -ri- | -tage. || Govern THEM, and | lift · them | up · for | ever.

Thou art the KING of | glory, · O | God. || With Thee is | ev- · -er- | -last- · -ing | life.

We therefore PRAY Thee, | help·Thy | servants, || whom Thou hast re-DEEM-ed | in · Thy | wond- · -rous | love.

Make them to be NUM-bered | with · Thy | saints, || IN | glo- · -ry | ev- · -er- | -lasting.

L.M.

SWEET hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at the Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known!

In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped temptation's snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.

And since He bids me seek His face,
Confide in Him and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
Amen.

By the Minister (all standing).

ONCE more we meet to unite in prayer and praise to the God of ages, who is our heavenly Father. We come not in the vain hope of moving His good will towards us, for that is constant and everflowing. We come not with any thought that He needs our worship, or will be angry if we do not render it, but that we ourselves may be made holier, stronger and happier by it. We come,

that, in the quiet of this place and this hour, we may pour out our whole hearts before Him who is our faithful and abiding friend. Let us then draw nigh to Him with faith, and hope, and trust, speaking with our lips the words which we feel in our hearts.

By the Minister (all kneeling or seated).

We rejoice together to-day, most merciful Father, that we have come again to this time of rest; and that, with all the gracious associations which hallow these hours to us, we are found together at this time, agreed, with one heart, to surrender ourselves to Thee. We pray Thee to revive within us all holy thoughts, with the consecrating memories of the past: and, if the anxieties and cares of the week have dimmed the vision of our souls, and made us insensible to unseen things, we beseech Thee to help us, that, like one of old, we may be "in the spirit on the Lord's day." Enable us to escape, at least for this one day, from the tyranny of outward things, that we may dwell in the unseen but eternal temple of the Lord. Or if we at all concern ourselves with the cares and toils of life, may it be but to recount Thy mercies, and to look back upon them all from the vantage-ground of a day of calm, and in the light that rises on these sacred hours.

Help us to give up all our sins, to forgive all our enemies, to turn away from the perpetual vanities and the wearisome follies of the world; and, for one day, may we walk humbly with God, and quietly and graciously with man.

Teach us that in all things Thou beholdest us as Thy children. Once Thy faithful son called little children to him, and in Thy name blessed them; and so he revealed Thy heart of love. Call us as he called them, and bless us as he blessed them, O Father! Or if we feel that we are not worthy to come as children, help us to remember that he also called sinners to him, and turned no sinful, sorrowing heart away.

Make this place, for all of us, the House of God and the very Gate of Heaven: and, when the too short hours of this day shall have closed upon us, may we feel that we have renewed our strength, and that we are the better prepared to face the toils and troubles—to welcome and enjoy the comforts—of our way. *Amen.*

Minister—We pray for all races of mankind, of every nation, creed, colour and tongue; for the downfall of every tyranny, and for peace, order and freedom in the world; especially for all who are blessings to others, far off or at

hand, especially in our own land; for a spirit of justice for all who make laws, or administer them when made; for all teachers and patriots; for all lovers of mankind and hasteners of God's kingdom; for all the common people, farmers and shepherds, merchants and mariners, the workmen and the poor; for the good nurture of the young, in universities and schools, in town or country, and for all learners of trades; for all who have a claim on us by kindred, or by doing us kindness at any time; also for all from whom we are severed by misunderstanding, and with whom we are at strife through error, or on account of truth and righteousness; for all who fail to call on Thee, and for whom no man intercedes; let Thy love be their intercessor; for all who strive in any good work, to God's glory and the welfare of men; for all whom we have tempted, or hurt, or wronged, in thought, word, or deed.

People—Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and bless us all in peace for ever

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By Minister and People.

Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in

heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

MAY the blessing of God our Father be with us; may His holy Spirit enlighten us, His wisdom guide and counsel us, and His peace be with us evermore. *Amen.*

CHANT.

IT is a good thing to give THANKS | unto · the | Lord, || and to sing praises unto THY | name, · O | Thou · most | High.

To shew forth Thy lovingkind-NESS | in · the | morning, || AND Thy | faithful- · -ness | ev-·-ery | night.

O come, let us SING un- | -to · the | Lord: || let us make a joyful NOISE to the | rock · of | our · sal- | -vation.

Let us come before His pre-SENCE | with · thanks- | -giving, || and make a JOY-ful | noise · unto | Him · with | psalms.

For the Lord is a | great ·— | God, || and a great | King · a- | -bove · all | gods.

In His hand are the deep PLA-ces | of · the | earth : || the STRENGTH of the | hills ·— | is · His | also.

The sea is HIS, | and · He | made it : || and His HANDS | form- · -ed | the · dry | land.

O come, let us WOR-ship | and · bow | down : || let us KNEEL be- | -fore · the | Lord · our | maker.

For HE | is · our | God ; || and we are the people of His PAS-ture, | and · the | sheep of · His | hand.

O worship the Lord in the | beauty · of | holiness : || REJOICE be- | -fore · Him, | all · the | earth.

Let the heavens rejoice, and LET the | earth · be | glad ; || let the sea ROAR, | and · the | fulness · there- | -of.

Let the field be joyful, and ALL that | is · there- | -in : || then shall all the trees of the WOOD re | -joice · be- | -fore · the | Lord.

For He cometh, for He com-ETH to | judge · the | earth : || He shall judge the world with righteous-NESS, and the | peo- · -ple | with · His | truth.

Now unto Thee, the King eternal, immortal, invisi-BLE, the | on- · -ly | God, || be honour and glo-RY for | ever · and | ever. A- | -men.

TEACH | us · to | pray ! || O Father WE look · up | to | Thee, || and this our one request shall BE; || TEACH | us · to | pray !

TEACH | us · to | pray ! || A form of WORDS will | not · suf- | -fice ; || the heart must bring its SACRI-FICE. || TEACH | us · to | pray !

TEACH | us · to | pray ! || To whom shall WE Thy | chil-·-dren | turn ? || Teach Thou the lesson we would LEARN : || TEACH | us · to | pray !

TEACH | us · to | pray ! || that we may CALM our | souls · in | Thee, || and all Thy tender-mercies see. || TEACH | us · to | pray !

TEACH | us · to | pray ! || so shall we FIND the | in - -ner | peace, || and from our sins gain sweet re-LEASE. || TEACH | us · to | pray ! *Amen.*

By the Minister (all standing.)

WHEREWITH shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before the Most High ? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good : and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God ?

(All kneeling or seated.)

Minister—O most gracious and eternal God, Thou who helpest the helpless and comfortest the comfortless, the Hope of the afflicted, and the Saviour of all them that wait upon Thee; we bless and glorify Thy name; we adore Thy goodness; we delight in Thy love. Led by Thee, we have come together to-day, to offer up our united adorations and thanksgivings unto Thee, and to express our deep and filial trust in the unchangeableness of Thy fatherly mercy. Take from our hearts all fondness for vanity and sin. Let not our affections dwell below, but soar upwards to that which is within the veil.

People—We beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of this sinful world, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee as disciples of Thy beloved son.

By the Minister.

Eternal God, in whom the spirits of just men do rest in peace from their labours, we thank Thee for the memories and examples of those who have departed this life as Thy faithful servants, whose works do follow them beyond the grave. We would evermore hold in solemn and affectionate remembrance all those who

have faithfully served Thee and Thy truth in their day and generation, and whom, having led them victoriously through all the troubles, adversities, and snares of this transitory life, Thou hast now called unto Thyself, and made partakers of everlasting felicity. Blessed be Thy mercy and eternal goodness, O God; and blessed be the memory of all Thy saints in our hearts. Teach us, who now dwell upon earth, to practise their doctrine, to imitate their lives, and to follow their example: and unite us with them in the bond of the same faith, and a holy hope, and an unfailing love. May it please Thee to incline our hearts to desire those good things whereunto they have attained: and so hasten the coming of Thy heavenly kingdom, that we, with all Thy longing servants of every kindred, tongue, and nation, may have our perfect and eternal bliss in unceasing communion with Thee. *Amen.*

O Thou, who art love, and who dwellest in love, so fill our hearts with Thy divine spirit, that in all things it may be our continual endeavour to imitate Thine unfailing and universal goodness. Grant that in all the relations of life we may show forth the power of righteousness and piety and brotherly love; walking before our households with pure and

perfect hearts; faithful and affectionate to our kindred and friends; just and charitable to all men. May we put on the ornament of a meek and gentle spirit, and, as life goes on, acquire an increasing fitness for that happy kingdom, where peace and love and joy reign for evermore. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we commend ourselves and all our concerns to the disposal of Thy gracious providence. Thou alone knowest what is truly good for us; and it is our highest happiness, that we are under Thy fatherly protection and care. In humble submission to Thy wise and gracious will, we beseech Thee to continue unto us the use of our rational powers; to bless us with health of body and peace of mind; and to bestow upon us such things in this life as Thou knowest to be most conducive to our eternal well-being. Conduct us by Thy fatherly hand through all the changes of this uncertain world, and grant that we may finally attain to perfection and bliss in that heavenly inheritance which is incorruptible and fadeth not away. *Amen.*

King of all the nations of the earth, strengthen law and order, reared by Thy forecast through the struggles of men.

Break the power of the tyrant and the spoiler, establish the freedom of nations with soberness, and make wars to cease in all the earth.

Lord of lords, and Ruler of rulers, let law prosper with rightful rulers, and let peace and freedom be multiplied.

Let those be chief in station who are chief in virtue and in Thy fear, and teach Thou our senators wisdom.

Give to the courts of law Thy judgments, to judge in all things without preference and without partiality.

Thou art the Lord of hosts, both of heaven and of earth; defend evermore the right, and stay the fury of the oppressor.

Thou who makest Thy rain to fall even upon the unthankful and the evil, make us thankful, humble, and holy.

Take away from us too great haste and eagerness to be rich, but bless our merchants in honesty, and our tradesmen in sober industry.

Let our children grow in wisdom as in stature, and send Thy blessing upon our teaching.

Peace be to our households, and let the children of peace dwell therein.

Thou who biddest our righteousness exceed the righteousness of formal per-

sons, grant us to love those who love us, our own friend, and our father's friend, and all who in any way have done us good.

Thou who wouldst that we overcome evil with good, help us to forgive our enemies, as we pray to be forgiven of Thee. *Amen.*

By Minister and People.

Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom; the power and the glory; for ever and ever. *Amen.*

By the Minister.

Almighty and most merciful God, accept, we beseech Thee, these our prayers: and do for us above all that we can ask or think, in Thine infinite wisdom and goodness,—the foundation of all our hope. *Amen.*

Grace, mercy, and peace be with us all. *Amen.*

Chant.

The Lord is my shep-herd ; I | shall · not | want : || He maketh me lie down | in ·— | green ·— | pastures ;

He leadeth me beside still waters ; he re- | -storeth · my | soul ; || He leadeth me in the paths of righteous-ness | for · His | name's ·— | sake.

Yea, though I walk through the val-ley of the | shadow · of | death, || I will | fear ·— | no ·— | evil :

For | Thou · art | with me ; || Thy rod and thy | staff · they | com- · -fort | me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the pre-sence | of · mine | enemies : || my | cup ·— | run- · -neth | over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the | days of · my | life : || and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord · for | ever. A | men.

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